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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Marcille F. Ruman et al. Art Unit 3761  
Serial No. 10/038,796  
Filed December 31, 2001  
Confirmation No. 2941  
For ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH IMPROVED FASTENING SYSTEM AND METHOD  
OF FASTENING THEREOF  
Examiner Karin M. Reichle

July 28, 2004

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. BOX 1450  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37  
C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. REQUIRED SUBMISSION:**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
  - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37  
C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on 6/29/2004
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or  
Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Enclosed
  - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
  - iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified  
application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c)  
for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of  
suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. FEES (Required when the RCE is filed)**

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-1345:
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
  - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed, along with a Fee Transmittal

Respectfully submitted,



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**FEE TRANSMITTAL**

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**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

1. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the indicated fees to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.  
☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.  
☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
2. ☒ Check Enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under payment or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

**FEE CALCULATION**

1. ☐ BASIC FILING FEE Subtotal (1) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type: \_\_\_\_\_)
2. ☐ EXTRA CLAIM FEES Subtotal (2) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Claims \_\_\_\_\_  
Independent Claims \_\_\_\_\_  
Multiple Dependent Claims \_\_\_\_\_
3. ☒ ADDITIONAL FEES Subtotal (3) \$770.00  
☐ Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  
☐ Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet  
☐ Extension for reply within \_\_\_\_\_ month  
☐ Notice of Appeal  
☐ Filing a Brief in Support of an appeal  
☐ Request for ex parte Reexamination  
☐ Petitions to the Commissioner  
☐ Submission of Information Disclosure Statement  
☐ Recording each patent assignment per property  
☒ Request for Continued Examination  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** \$770.00

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